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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

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HIS NAME
IS FURY.

**NICK
FURY.**

HE HAS BEEN
MANY THINGS
IN THIS LIFE.

CURRENTLY, HE IS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF S.H.I.E.L.D., MAKING
SURE WHEN WE GO
TO SLEEP
AT NIGHT --

-- WE WAKE
UP IN THE LAND
OF THE FREE.

AND ALTHOUGH HE
HAS GIVEN THIS SPEECH
MANY TIMES
BEFORE.

IN FRANCE.
IN KOREA.
IN VIETNAM.
IN IRAQ.

IT DOESN'T
MAKE IT
ANY EASIER.

SOME
OF US MIGHT
DIE TODAY.

BUT, WHAT
I'M ASKIN' YA TO
DO IS FIGHT WITH
EVERYTHING YOU'VE
GOT --

-- GOIN'
UP AGAINST
AN ENEMY OF
UNKNOWN
POWER.

AND I
WANT EACH
AND EVERY ONE
OF YOU T'
KNOW --

-- I'VE
NEVER BEEN
PROUDER
OF ANY FORCE
I'VE LED INTO
BATTLE.



**STAN LEE
PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

IN LOVE

**NEW YORK
CITY.**

SKYSCRAPERS AND
EVERYTHING.

ONE HOUR AGO,
AN UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECT
APPEARED OVER
MANHATTAN
AIRSPACE.

NICK FURY SENT IN
HIS FIRST LINE OF
DEFENSE.

CAPTAIN AMERICA.
HAWKEYE.
HELLCAT.
SCARLET WITCH.
SWORDSMAN.
THOR.
VISION.

**THE EARTH'S
MIGHTEST HEROES--**

THE AVENGERS

THEY WERE
RESOUNDINGLY
DEFEATED AND
CAPTURED.



& WAR

NOW, AS FURY'S WORDS
HANG THICK IN THE AIR,
THE MEN AND WOMEN
UNDER HIS COMMAND
LOOK UPWARD.

ALL SHARING
THE SAME
THOUGHT.

HOW CAN THEY POSSIBLY
TRIUMPH WHERE THE
AVENGERS FAILED?

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SUDDENLY...

WHIRRR

HMM

CLICK

I HAVE
VANQUISHED
THEIR FIERCEST
WARRIORS, MY
BELOVED
MANTIS.

I WEAR
THEIR
WEAPONS AS
THE SPOILS
OF WAR.

BEFORE THIS
DAY IS DONE

KANG

THE CONQUEROR.
WILL HAVE
REWRITTEN
HISTORY.

IF THAT
DOES NOT
PROVE MY
LOVE FOR
YOU --

**NOTHING
WILL!**

DO
WHAT YOU
MUST, LORD
KANG.
AS
YOU ALWAYS
HAVE...

HE'S GOT
THE PATRIOT'S
SHIELD AND
THAT AIN'T
GOOD.

AWRIGHT,
YA GOLDBRICKS,
LET'S SHOW THIS
YAHOO WHAT
FOR!





AND I
WILL SHOW
YOU ---
-- NO
MERCY!



RETURN
FIRE!

HIT HIM
WHERE IT
HURTS,
PEOPLE!



THEY
RESIST..?

HAS
KANG NOT
HUMILIATED
THEM
ENOUGH..

AND YET...
THEY
RESIST?



ARGH!

IN LESS TIME THAN
IT TAKES TO BLINK
AN EYE --

-- FURY FINDS HIMSELF
IMMOBILE, FROZEN IN
TIME ITSELF.



NEXT.

AVENGERS ISLAND,
OFF MANHATTAN.

NOW.

THE LABORATORY
OF DR. HENRY PYM.

HANK.

HANK.

HANK!

NOT
THAT YOU'VE
BEEN OUTSIDE
SINCE I'VE
KNOWN YOU --

-- BUT
DID YOU
HAPPEN TO
NOTICE THERE IS
A SPACE SHIP
OVER NEW
YORK?!

Hmm? Oh,
JANET. YES,
OUTSIDE.

NOW.
THEN, ULTRON-3,
IF WE CHANGE THE
SCHEMATICS, DO
YOU THINK THE
RECALIBRATION
WILL MATCH?

I SEE NO
REASON
WHY NOT,
FATHER.

Um, OKAY.
I GUESS
THAT THE
AVENGERS
HAVING BEEN
TAKEN
PRISONER
DOESN'T
BOTHER YOU
EITHER.

IF YOU
CAME
SEEKING
COMFORT,
JANET, I
AM READY
AND WILLING --

HANK!

MAKE
THIS... THING
UNDERSTAND --

-- IT IS
NOT TO
TOUCH
ME.

SMACK

ODD.

I DIDN'T
PROGRAM
ULTRON FOR A
RESPONSE EVEN
REMOTELY LIKE
THAT...



INSIDE KANG'S SHIP.

NOW.

WITH THE TEAM
COUNTING ON
ME TO PULL THEM
THROUGH --

-- OUR
FIRST
MISSION
IS A
DISASTER.
BUT,
THE DAY
ISN'T OVER.
NOT UNTIL
WE SAY
SO.

HE IS THE LIVING
SENTINEL OF LIBERTY.
CAPTAIN AMERICA



I DON'T
KNOW HOW
THE OTHERS
ARE DEALING
WITH THIS,
BUT --

-- I'M
AFRAID.

SHE HAS AN AWESOME
ARRAY OF MUTANT HEX
POWERS YET UNTAPPED:
THE SCARLET WITCH



I BLEW
IT.

MAYBE IF I
HAD LISTENED
TO CAP,
WE WOULDN'T
BE IN THIS
DEEP.*

THERE IS NO
MAN ALIVE WHO IS
MORE SUPERIOR
WITH A BLADE.
SWORDSMAN



THIS
STINKS.

THEY LET
SOMEBODY --
OTHER THAN ME --
RUN THIS
TROOP --

-- AND WE
WIND UP LOOKING
LIKE A JAR OF
PICKLES.

A MARKSMAN
EXTRAORDINAIRE
WHO HAS NO PEER
WITH THE BOW.
HAWKEYE



LOSING
CONTROL.

IF
I DON'T
GET FREE
SOON...
RRRR...

A MYSTERY TO ALL
AROUND HER; WOMAN,
CAT... DEMON:
HELLCAT



MJOLNIR.
HEED THE
WILL OF THE
GOD OF
THUNDER!

JOIN ME,
MJOLNIR,
TO MY
SIDE!

A GOD AMONG MEN:
THE MIGHTY THOR

IN HIS ARROGANCE, KANG
BELIEVED THAT WITH 31st
CENTURY SCIENCE, HE
COULD CONTAIN THE
HAMMER OF THOR ON
BOARD THE SHIP.

BUT, BEYOND THE
REALM OF SCIENCE,
THERE IS A POWER
WORTH RECKONING.

THOUGH OFTEN
THE STUFF OF
LEGENDS AND
FABLES --

-- MJOLNIR, IS
PROOF OF SUCH
THINGS.

IT IS SAID FROM
GRANDPARENT TO
PARENT AND PARENT
TO CHILD --

-- THERE IS NO
FORCE, NO MORTAL
OR GOD, THAT CAN
KEEP MJOLNIR
FROM THOR'S
GRASP!

KRAKK

SWOOSH

MJOLNIR,
THOU HAST
FREED ME.

WOULDEST
I COULD
RETURN THE
FAVOR, MY
LOVE!





BUT, ENOW. MY FELLOW AVENGERS HATH BEEN HELD AT BAY TOO LONG.

TO BATTLE I SAY TO THEE ALL!

THOR...?
I... DON'T SEE THE VISION ANYWHERE.

NOR I, CHILD.



BUT, ONCE I HATH POUNDED KANG INTO COW DUNG --

THOR.
IF I PROMISE YOU THIS FIGHT YOU WANT SO BAD --
-- WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME, NOW?

glooch

YOU ARE
ON FEDERAL
PROPERTY.
PLEASE STATE
YOUR
BUSINESS

I AM
AGATHA
HARKNESS

I MUST
SPEAK WITH
MY CHARGE,
WANDA. AT
ONCE.
THE
ONE YOU
CALL "THE
SCARLET
WITCH"

ACCESS
DENIED

ALL
VISITS MUST
BE CLEARED
WITH THE
PROPER
AUTHORITY

NONSENSE
I ANSWER
TO A HIGHER
AUTHORITY.

HOW
NICE MA'AM,
BUT --

MA'AMP

AT THE EXACT
SAME MOMENT.

TO THE NORTH
IN SALEM,
MASSACHUSETTS.

THE HOME
OF AGATHA
HARKNESS

E-EBONY. P

MY
MIND IS...
FOGGY
SOMEONE
HAS ATTACKED
US, EBONY
WHO..P

MORTAL.

THOU
HAST A
PROBLEM
AND HIS
NAME IS
LOKI...

ABOVE CENTRAL
PARK

KANG
MAY HAVE
STRIPPED US
OF OUR
WEAPONS.
BUT HE
CAN'T TAKE
FROM US OUR
INNATE
SKILLS --

-- AND THE
PROUD HOPE
THAT COMES
WITH THE
CRY

**AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!**



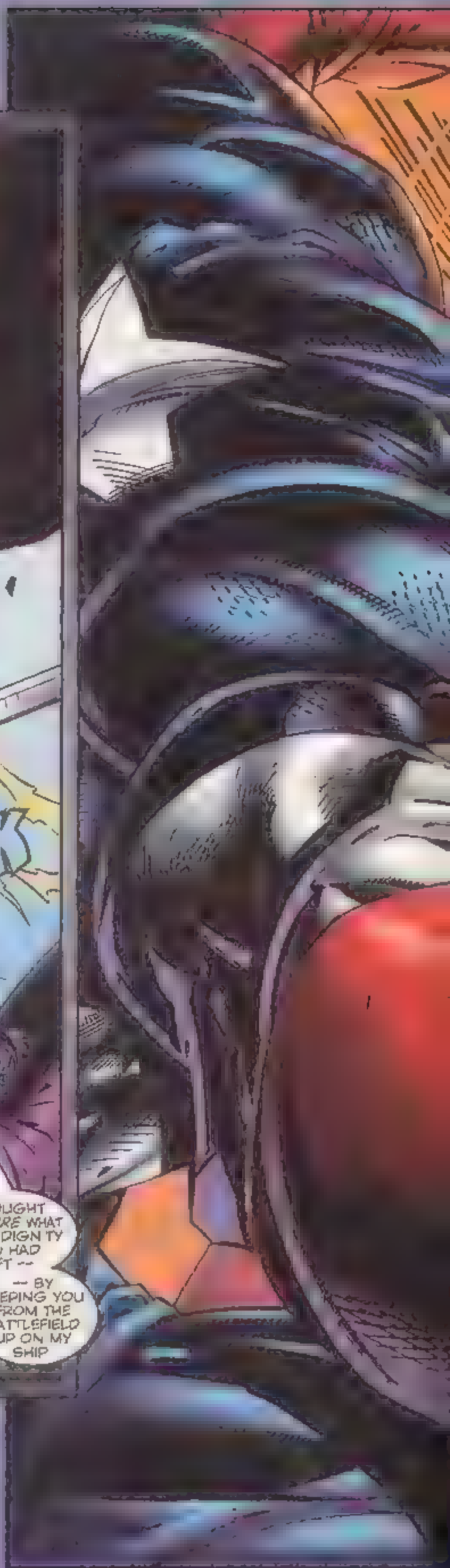
MADNESS



BRANK

I SOUGHT
TO SPARE WHAT
LITTLE DIGNITY
YOU HAD
LEFT --

-- BY
KEEPING YOU
FROM THE
BATTLEFIELD
UP ON MY
SHIP





NOW,
YOU LEAVE
ME NO
CHOICE

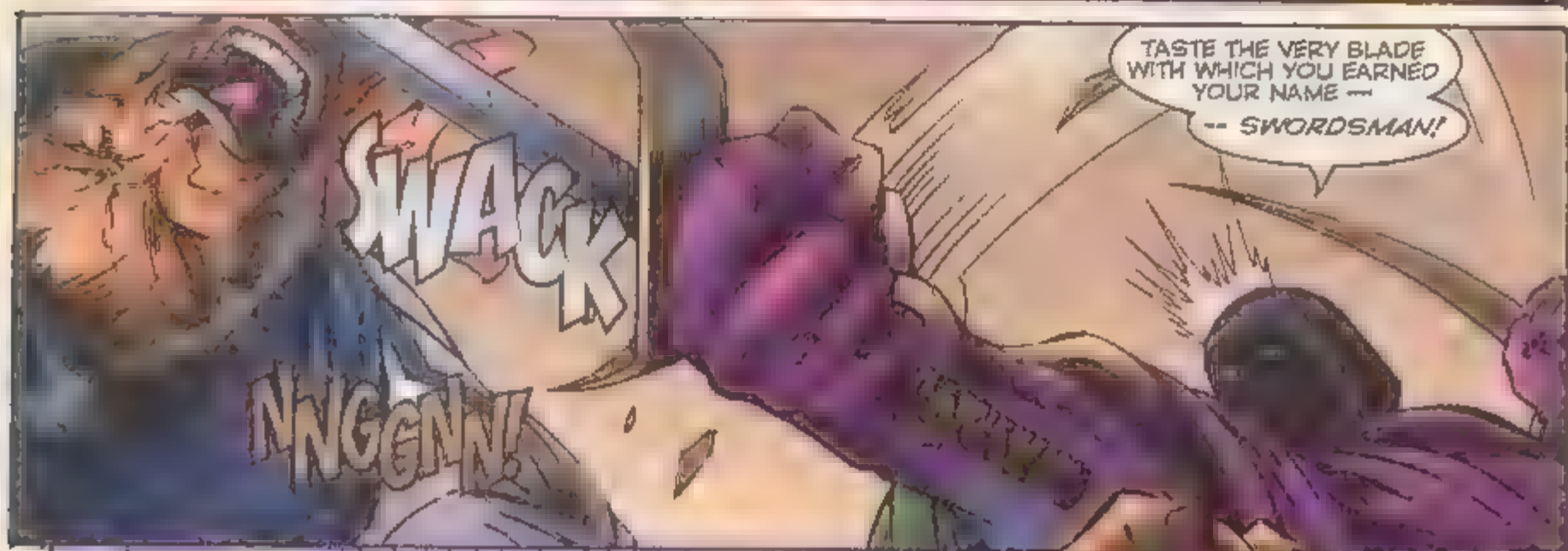
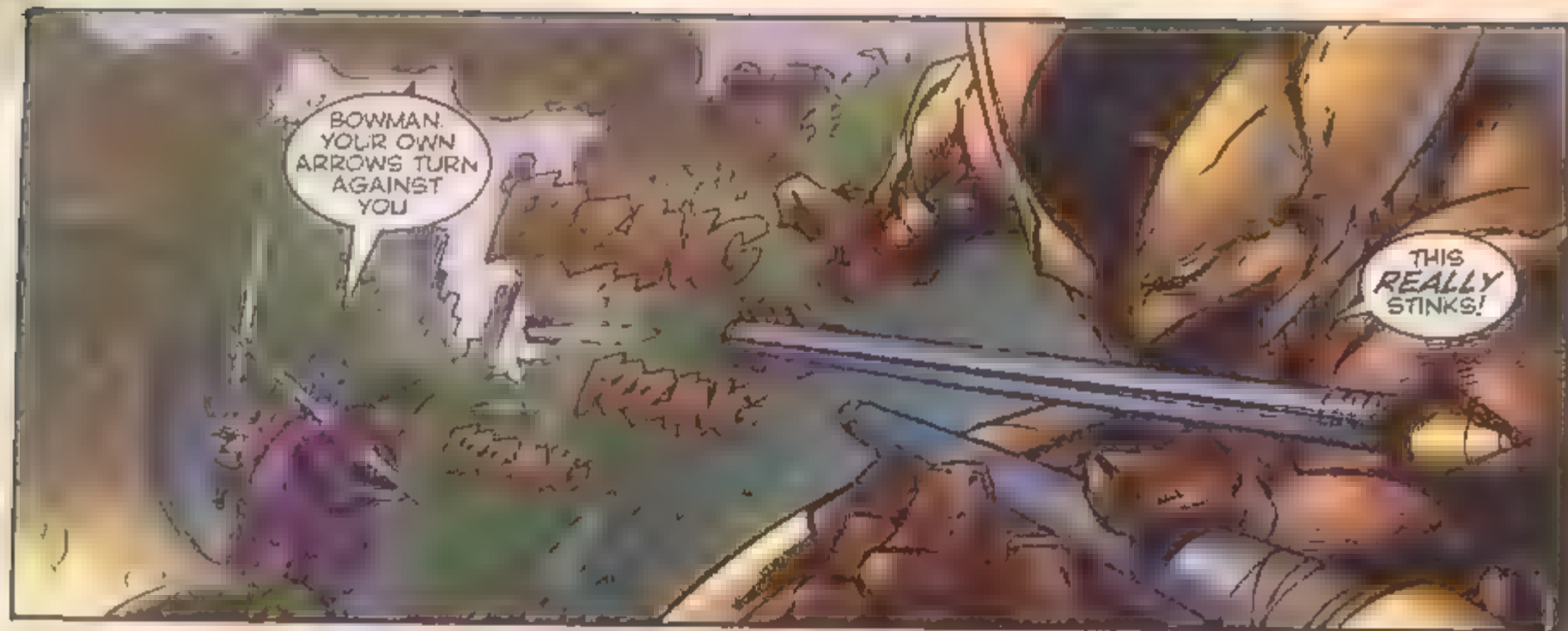
BEFORE
THE VERY
PUBLIC WHO
EMBLAZONED
YOUR
NAMES --

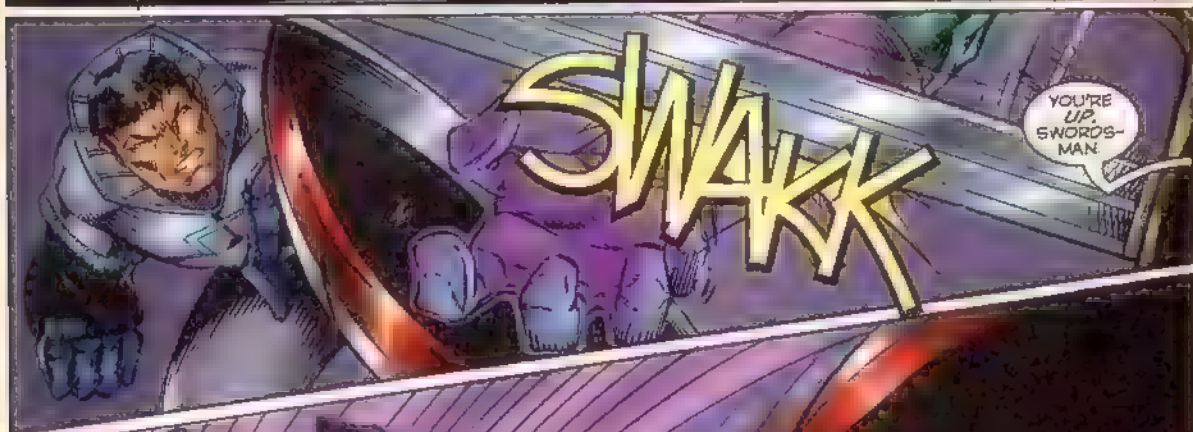
-- YOUR
VICTORIES --

-- AND
YOUR HEROIC
REPUTATIONS --

-- IN THE
ANNALS OF HISTORY
SO "THE AVENGERS"
WOULD STILL BE REVERED
EVEN IN THE 31st
CENTURY --

WITH
YOUR OWN
SHIELD, I WILL
DESTROY
YOU ALL!

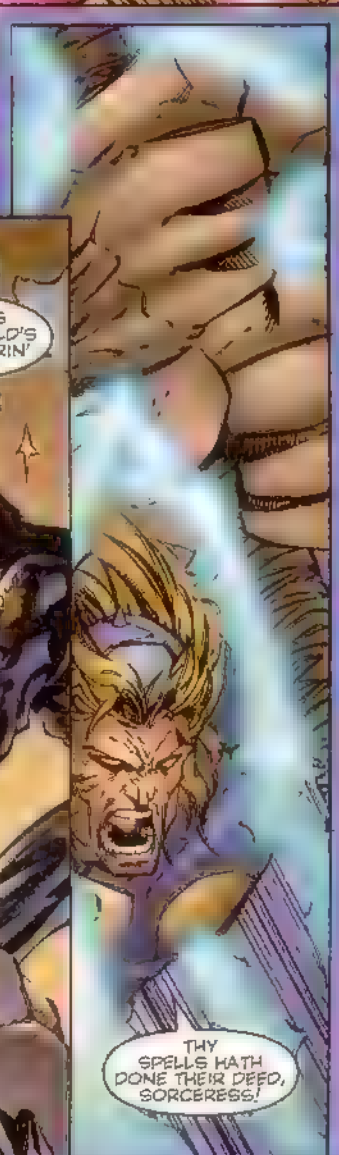






I SEE NOW WHY
CAPTAIN AMERICA
HELD THOR AND
I BACK

HAVE TO
FOCUS MY
HEX
POWER ..

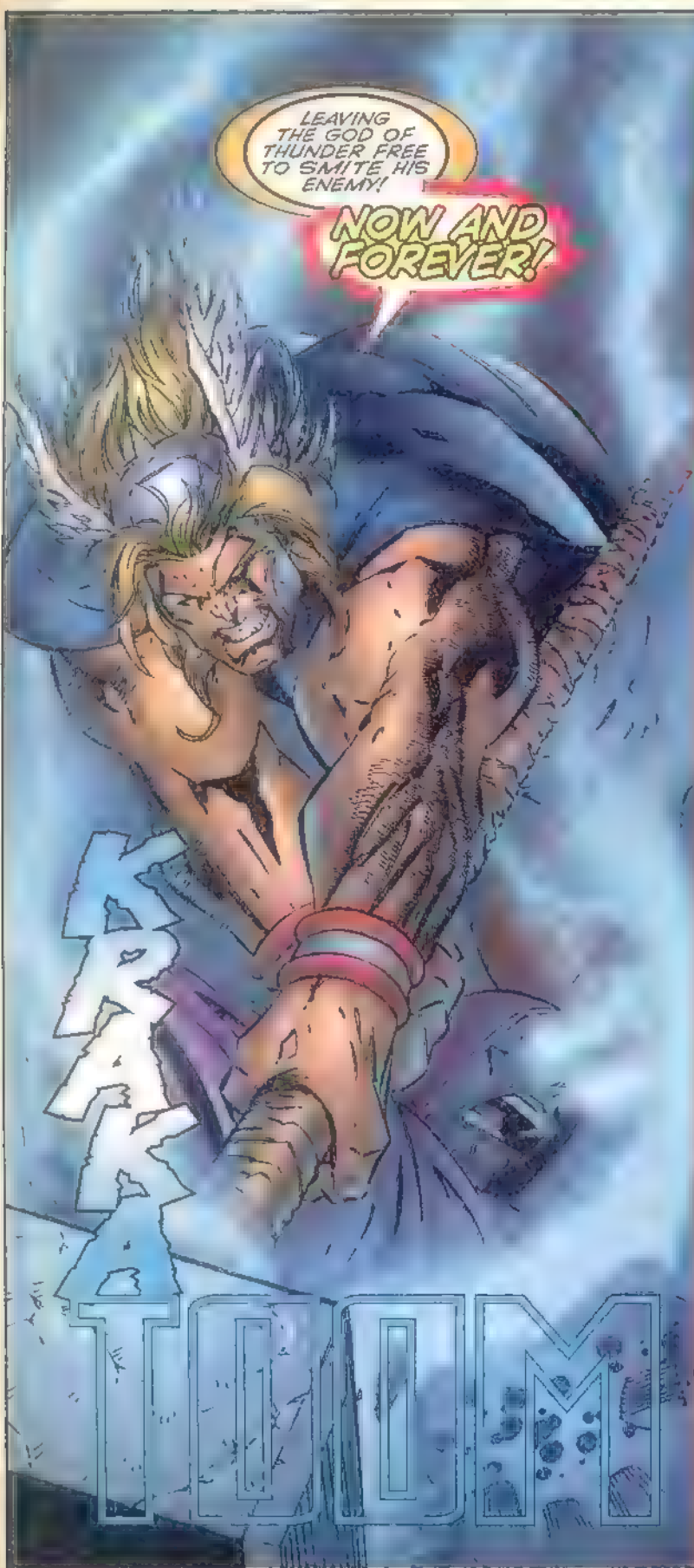


WHAT
THE --



KANG'S
FORCE FIELD'S
DISAPPEARIN'

THY
SPELLS HATH
DONE THEIR DEED,
SORCERESS!



LEAVING
THE GOD OF
THUNDER FREE
TO SMITE HIS
ENEMY!

**NOW AND
FOREVER!**

ONE
BLOW.

I KNOWST
ELVES THAT
COULDST
WITHSTAND
MORE

MAYBE

I'D LIKE
TO THINK
SOMETHING
CALLED
TEAMWORK
BROUGHT
HIM DOWN

CAP, HE'S DOWN, BUT WE WON'T STOP HIM FOR GOOD, UNLESS --

IF YOU MUST TAKE A LIFE THIS DAY --

-- TAKE MINE.

WANTS, DON'T...

BY DEFEATING YOU AVENGERS, IT WOULD BE KANG'S NAME THAT HISTORY WOULD REMEMBER.

AND IN BECOMING A LEGEND --

-- HE MIGHT WIN MY HEART. AND WHILE HIS ACTIONS WERE MISGUIDED --

-- I STOOD BY AND DID NOTHING TO STOP HIM.

NO!

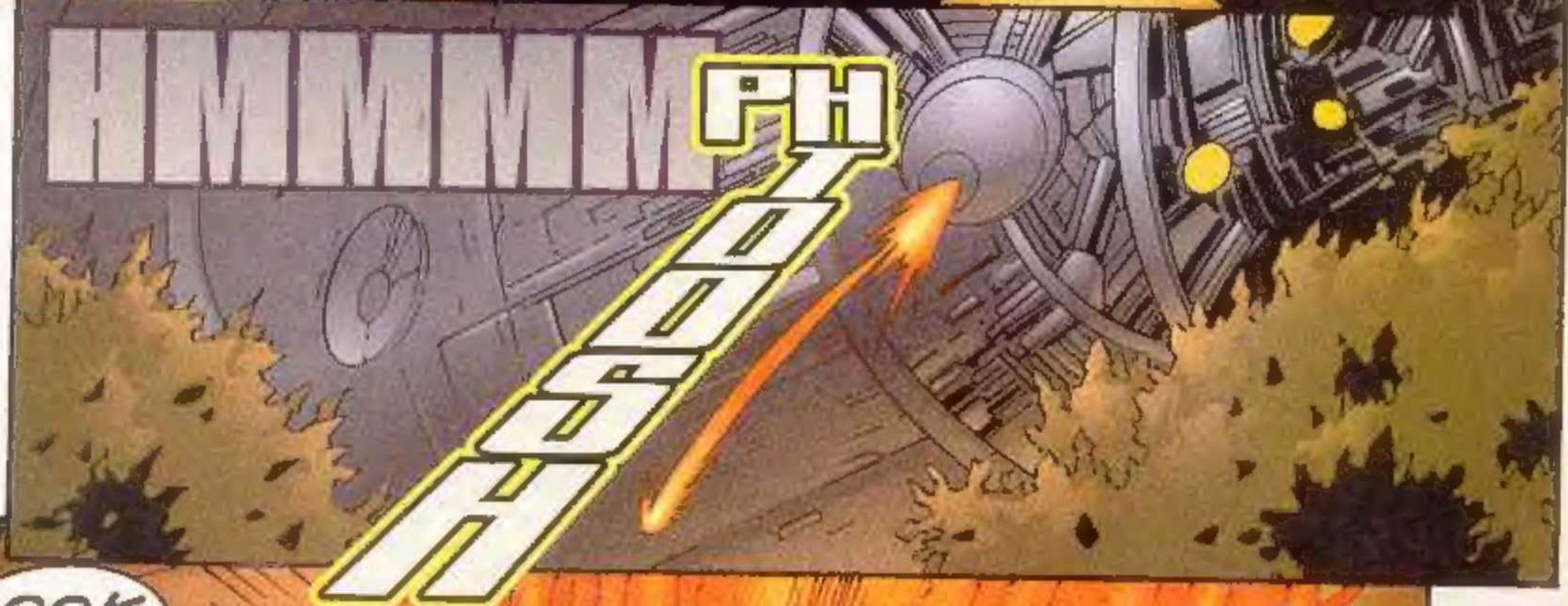
DO IT, SWORDSMAN...

KILL ME NOW OR YOU'LL REGRET IT IN THE FUTURE...

LOVE AND WAR. FEW DO NOT KNOW WHAT PRICE THAT MIXTURE HATH WROUGHT --
-- THAN MYSELF.

NEVERTHELESS, KANG MUST PAY FOR HIS BASE VILLAINY







CAPTAIN
AMERICA,
EVERYONE!
IT'S -- IT'S
THE
VISION!

HE'S NOT
MOVING!

CAN AN
ANDROID
DIE?

NEXT

THE SAVAGE

WINK

SPECIAL
BONUS PIN-UP
THE MIGHTY

THOR

